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Page 6, line 11, please delete "titanium" and insert --hydrolyzate of titanium alkoxide-- therefor.

4) Page 8, line 18, page 11, lines 8-9, and page 12, lines 14-15, please delete "titanium hydrolyzate" and insert --hydrolyzate of titanium isopropoxide-- therefor.

5) Page 14, Table 1, footnote *6 and *7, please delete "iron" and insert --iron oxide-- therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In line 1 of Claim 3, please delete "or 2".

In lines 1-2 of Claim 4, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1-- therefor.

5. (Amended) A cosmetic [prepared by blending the] comprising a pigment composed of a coated powder as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, and a cosmetically acceptable medium.

Please add the following claims:

6. A method of producing a coated powder wherein a core powder is coated with at least first and second coating layers, said coated powder permitting nearly 100% total light transmission, the core powder having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8, the first coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.9 to 3.1, the second coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8, said method comprising the steps of:

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designing composition of the coated powder by determining a quantity of the first coating layer and a quantity of the second coating layer based on a correlation between the degree of linear transmission and the quantity of each layer, to impart a predetermined degree of linear light transmission;

forming the first coating layer in the determined quantity on the core powder;
and

forming the second coating layer in the determined quantity on the first coating layer formed on the core powder.

7. A method of natural coloring on a surface by using a coated powder, comprising the steps of:

designing composition of the coated powder wherein a core powder is coated with at least first and second coating layers, by determining a quantity of the first coating layer and a quantity of the second coating layer based on a correlation between the degree of linear transmission and the quantity of each layer, to impart a predetermined degree of linear light transmission, said coated powder permitting nearly 100% total light transmission, the core powder having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8, the first coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.9 to 3.1, the second coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8; and

applying the coated powder on the surface.

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